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*Washington, D.C.*- U.S. Rep. Albio Sires is participating in a Congressional Delegation which will amongst other official duties, honor United States Veterans in Normandy France on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2009. He will be traveling with U.S. Rep. John Tanner, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. The purpose of the trip is to discuss issues affecting NATO, in particular Afghanistan.

As part of our national day of remembrance, Sires will attend a wreath laying ceremony at a Veteran's Day program at the U.S. military cemetery in Normandy, France, the site of an Allied Invasion during WWII. Sires will also meet with U.S. military leaders and visit Omaha Beach and the U.S. Federal Monument at Pointe du Hoc in France.

"As we honor all Veterans on Veteran's Day, I urge Americans to take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices the men and women of the armed forces have given to our country to preserve liberties and freedoms we have today. I have the honor and privilege of visiting our national cemetery in Normandy, France, where so many Americans gave the supreme sacrifice to protect our way of life as we know it today." Sires added, "The importance of this trip is to continue our effort to protect our national security that has been so valiantly defended by our veterans and the current men and women in the armed forces."

Congressman Sires is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere (Vice Chair) and Subcommittee on Europe.